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SUBJECT: UN RESOLUTION ON KOREA

1. DURING LUNCHEON MEETING TODAY (JULY 22), PRIME MINISTER SUGGESTED THAT CONSIDERATION BE GIVEN TO PROCESS WHEREBY SPONSORS OF FRIENDLY RESOLUTION WOULD SEEK PRIORITY CONSIDERATION, BUT WOULD SUBMIT RESOLUTION WITH EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM WHICH WOULD STATE THAT RESOLUTION WOULD BE WITHDRAWN IF OTHER SIDE DOES NOT INTRODUCE ITS RESOLUTION. THIS PROPOSAL IS MADE IN AN EFFORT TO FIND A SOLUTION TO THE CURRENT DILEMMA IN WHICH ROK WISHES TO AVOID CONFRONTATION AND STERILE DEBATE, BUT AT SAME TIME WISHES TO HAVE PRIORITY GIVEN TO OUR RESOLUTION IF THE OTHER SIDE INTENDS TO SUBMIT ITS OWN. ACCORDING TO THE PRIME MINISTER, IT IS "IMPERATIVE" FOR KOREAN DOMESTIC POLITICAL SITUATION, THAT "OUR SIDE WIN THE UN CONTEST". THIS SUGGESTION WOULD INSURE PRIORITY FOR FRIENDLY RESOLUTION WHILE AT SAME TIME PROVIDING EVIDENCE THAT WE ARE NOT SEEKING CONFRONTATION.

2. I BELIEVE THAT THE SUGGESTION IS WORTHY OF STUDY. WHAT WE DON'T KNOW IS WHETHER IN LIGHT OF UN SCHEDULE, THE FRIENDLY RESOLUTION COULD BE INTRODUCED AFTER NAM SUMMIT AND STILL BE AFFORDED PRIORITY OR WHETHER INITIATIVE WOULD HAVE TO BE TAKEN BEFORE OR DURING SUMMIT. PRIME MINISTER IS OBVIOUSLY CONCERNED THAT NK
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MAY BEAT US TO THE PUNCH.

3. ACTION REQUESTED: THAT CONSIDERATION BE GIVEN TO
THE PRIME MINISTER'S PROPOSAL AND THAT GUIDANCE BE PRO-
VIDED FOR AN ANSWER TO THE PRIME MINISTER.
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